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Chairman Byron Dorgan
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water
184 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member George Voinovich
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water
188 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Dorgan and Ranking Member Voinovich,

On behalf of the Water Resources Coalition, I am writing to respectfully request that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water to properly fund our nation's critical water resources projects in the fiscal year 2011 appropriations bill. **Congress can take several steps in order to bring our nation's water resources projects back into a state of good repair by increasing funding for the US Army Corps of Engineer's Civil Works program to \$7 billion, funding the WRDA 2007 water resources priorities report, directing the Corps to complete the national shoreline erosion control development program, repairing and upgrading critical coastal protection projects, and increasing the budget for the Bureau of Reclamation to \$1.2 billion.**

The WRC was established in 2007 to promote the development, implementation and funding of a comprehensive national water resources policy. With member organizations representing state and local governments, conservation, engineering and construction, ports, waterways and transportation services, the Coalition works to ensure that a comprehensive, national water resources policy is developed, implemented and funded to provide a sustainable, productive economy; a healthy aquatic ecology; and public health and safety.

Our nation's water resources are critical to our economy, our infrastructure, public safety, and the preservation and enhancement of our environmental resources. Much of our water infrastructure is aging, compromising its ability to meet the needs for which it was created. With a commitment from Congress to a plan that increases funding for its civil works program over the next five years, critical water resources projects could be executed at levels that will eliminate the backlog of projects and meet the nation's water resources needs.

The Water Resource Coalition urges Congress to fully fund our nation's critical water resources projects in order to allow for continued economic success while ensuring public safety. To read our full testimony on FY 2011 Energy and Water appropriations please visit www.waterresourcescoalition.org

Sincerely,

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